

## 3S PHOTONICS Acquires Manlight

**3S PHOTONICS Group confirms its external growth strategy and finalizes the acquisition of Manlight, with the help of EURAZEO.**

**Nozay, France, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011** – 3S PHOTONICS, a world-leading manufacturer in optical and optoelectronic components for telecommunication networks, today announced the acquisition of 100% of Manlight S.A.S. shares. 3S PHOTONICS Group has completed the transaction with the active help of EURAZEO, which holds 83% of 3S Photonics' capital.

Manlight S.A.S., a globally recognized player for optical fiber amplifiers and lasers, designs and manufactures products for telecommunication transport networks, broadband access networks, defense, and industrial markets. Based in Lannion France, Manlight was founded in 2006 through the acquisition of Highwave Optical Technologies assets. The company's 30 employees are world class experts in fiber optic amplification and laser technologies. Eric Delevaque, founder and former Highwave Optical Technologies CEO comments: *"The integration of Manlight into the 3S Photonics Group is an important turning point, anticipating terrific growth opportunities. Commercial and technical synergies will enable to benefit from full value of the Manlight know-how and intellectual property"*.

The company is becoming a subsidiary of 3S Photonics Group. Alexandre Krivine, President and CEO of 3S PHOTONICS Group is appointing Eric Delevaque as Manlight General Manager.

*"We are very pleased to have completed the Manlight acquisition with the help of Eurazeo as this deal fits perfectly into the development strategy we have established for 3S Photonics"* says Alexandre Krivine, *"The Manlight product range allows us to expand our offer for our historical telecom customers, to continue the diversification of our activities by promoting Group components linked to the LIDAR and industrial fiber laser markets", this enabling us to climb the value chain.*

In November, 3S PHOTONICS Group reported a consolidated IFRS turnover of up to €51M for the fiscal year 2011, which ended in June 2011, representing a year on year growth of 64% (or 44% within the same business scope).

### About 3S PHOTONICS

3S PHOTONICS group is a leading provider of innovative optical products and solutions for Lasers, Sensing & Telecom markets. The Group designs, manufactures, and markets high reliability active & passive optical components and modules for the telecom, sensing & laser markets. It develops ultra-reliable fiber-optic systems including high-power fused components, optical sensors and fiber laser components.

Through its Avensys Solutions division, it also provides instrumentation and integrated solutions for process and environmental monitoring systems.

More Information: <http://www.3sphotonicsgroup.com/>

### **About Manlight S.A.S.**

Manlight SAS is a leading company in the design and the manufacturing for fiber optic amplifying and laser systems. Manlight products address telecommunication networking, from transport to the broadband access, industrial, security (LIDAR) and defense markets. Manlight has been incepted in 2006 through the acquisition of the Highwave Optical Technologies assets, and has exploited and developed the know-how and the intellectual property in destination to these markets.

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